

New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

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NJMC Scholarships Available for Meadowlands Area Students

LYNDHURST, N.J. – For the third consecutive year, the NJMC Board of Commissioners has made \$28,000 in scholarships available to college-bound high school seniors in the 14 Meadowlands District municipalities.

"The continued improvement of local and the global environments lies in the hands of today's students," said NJMC Chairwoman Susan Bass Levin, also Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. "The future of the Meadowlands is in the hands of students committed to environmental studies."

The NJMC will provide each Meadowlands District town with \$2,000 for an outstanding high school student planning to major in a science or science-related field in college. In previous years, students attending Rutgers University, The College of New Jersey, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University and other colleges have received a total of \$46,000 in scholarships.

Students must live in a Meadowlands District municipality, earn a B average, be accepted to an institution of higher learning for the Fall 2007 semester, participate in a community service, and complete a 500-word essay on the importance of science and technology in education.

The NJMC will make the scholarship requirements available at its headquarters in Lyndhurst, as well as on the Web site www.njmeadowlands.gov. Notice of scholarships has been delivered to school superintendents, principals and guidance counselors. Students and their parents are strongly encouraged to inquire about the program.

"By aiding future researchers and educators, we are investing in the balance between people and the environment," said NJMC Commissioner Leonard R. Kaiser. "These young minds have made us proud. Whether here or in the world at large, we will always consider them allies in scientific research and science-backed policymaking."

The program is funded through the NJMC's MAGNET (Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation) program, a five year, \$33 million to implement the goals of the NJMC Master Plan and Comprehensive Action Plan.

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